



UU Mass Action Campaigns Coalitions & Partners 2023 -2024

Priority Legislation List

Indigenous Justice Lead Staff: Claire-Karl B.W. Müller

Frontline partners:

[United American Indians of New England](#) (UAI NE)
[North American Indian Center of Boston](#) (NAICOB)

Coalitions:

[Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda](#) (MILA)

UU Mass Action's Role: We are leadership team members of the MILA Coalition. There are 5 legislative priorities: Indigenous People's Day, Prohibit Racist Mascots, Celebrate & Teach Native Culture & History, Educate Native Youth and Protect Native American Heritage

Immigrant Justice Lead Staff: Rev Jo Murphy & Tali Smookler

Partners and Coalitions:

- Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Network (MIRA)
- No Cost Calls/Keeping Families Connected
- [BIJAN](#), Boston Immigrant Solidarity Network
- End ICE Agreements in MA Coalition
- Episcopal City Mission

UU Mass Action's Role: We are part of the core planning team of No Cost Calls/Keeping Families Connected, End ICE Agreements, and BIJAN and invest staff capacity into strategizing, building relationships, leading, and supporting these coalitions. We are members of MIRA.

In addition, we are connected to additional statewide and national immigrant solidarity networks

Economic and Housing Justice Lead Staff: Tali Smookler

Partners and Coalitions:

- [Raise Up Mass Coalition](#) (RUM)
- [Homes for All MA](#) and [City Life](#)
- [Boston Ujima Project](#)

UU Mass Action's Role: We are members of RUM, have been on the Anchor Institution's Core team of the Boston Ujima Project, and support our housing justice partners through action planning support and congregational organizing, and working to deepen those relationships with these groups.

Environmental Justice & Climate Lead staff: Claire-Karl B.W. Müller

UU Mass Action Frontline Partners, Environmental Justice:

- Neighbor to Neighbor
- ACE /Alternative for Climate & Environment
- GreenRoots
- Coalition for Social Justice
- North American Indian Center of Boston

Coalition: [Mass Power Forward](#) (MPF)

There are over 100 organizations that are members of the Mass Power Forward Coalition. Claire Müller Coordinates the MPF Planning Team, which includes leaders from the following organizations:

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| • Sierra Club | • PLAN (Pipeline Awareness Network) |
| • Climate Action Network | • Stop NED |
| • Community Action Works | • 350 MA for a Better Future |
| • Environment Mass | • MCAN/ MA Climate Action Network |
| • Clean Water Action | • MY |

CC/ Mass Youth Climate Coalition - Sunrise

Additional Coalitions in which UU Mass Action is a member: Lead staff Claire-Karl B.W. Müller

- MA Environmental Justice Legislative Table
 - [Homes for all Massachusetts / Hogares Para Todxs](#)
 - [Massachusetts Renews Alliance](#)
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Decarceration & Ending Solitary Confinement

Lead Staff: Cassandra Bensahih and Rev Jo Murphy

Massachusetts Against Solitary Confinement Coalition (MASC)

This coalition formed in 2016. UU Mass Action joined with Prisoners' Legal Services, Black & Pink Massachusetts, and GLAD and funded a part time coordinator position for MASC. After the two-year agreement ended, UU Mass Action hired the MASC Coordinator, Cassandra Bensahih, and MASC became part of our organization.

MASC is led by a leadership team of 20 people. 12 members of the team are formerly incarcerated people, survivors of solitary and/or family members of loved ones who are incarcerated. 8 members provide direct support to people who are incarcerated (eg., Prisoners' Legal Services) or provide support/specific skills to the team.

Allied Partners

- ACLU
- Black & Pink MA
- Prisoners Legal Services
- Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Coalition For Justice
- CPCS/ Committee for Public Counsel Services
- Decarcerate Western MA
- Families for Justice as Healing
- GLAD
- Harvard PLAP
- Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action JALSA
- UnLock the Box/ National Religious Campaign Against Torture
- League of Women Voters (LWV)
- MCAN/ Mass Community Action Network
- Mass Inc
- NAMI
- NASW
- Tufts World Peace Fund

Three legislative priorities are ending the torture of solitary confinement and access to free phone calls for people who are incarcerated.

UU Youth Corps Lead Staff: Tali Smookler and Rev Jo Murphy

Official Congregational Partners

- The First Church in Belmont Unitarian Universalist
- First Parish In Bedford
- Follen Congregation Lexington
- First Parish Concord
- First Parish Arlington

Frontline Partners:

- [I Have A Future](#)
- [Homes for All MA](#) and [City Life](#)
- Prison Moratorium Campaign

UU Mass Action's Role: We organize the youth from our partner congregations to organize in support of our partner's priority campaigns.



Our Frontline Coalition Partners

As Congressperson Ayanna Pressley says, *"the people closest to the pain should be closest to the power"*.



MA Environmental Justice Legislative Table

HOMES FOR ALL
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DRIVING
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SUPPORT
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COMMUNITIES



MASSACHUSETTS AGAINST
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Renews

